



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Deep Blue Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-084399 and Forest Practices Application No. 2919617. This is a variable retention harvest of 68 acres in 2 units, with 4,662 feet of optional road construction and 3,300 feet of road abandonment.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 208 feet wide on four type 3 streams, an average 190 feet wide on one type 3 stream, and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along seven type 4 streams, have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Areas of incised gorges with slopes over 70% are located within the normal RMZ widths. No harvesting activities will occur over these areas.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- One Legacy Tree must be felled due to its proximity to a landing. This tree will be left on site as Large Woody Debris.
- The transportation system was designed to keep roads away from streams, and utilize ridge top locations, as much as possible.
- Road construction will be seasonally restricted outside of May 1 through September 30.
- Roads will be maintained during hauling to minimize sediment delivery to streams, and to protect water quality.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 18, 20, Township 15 North, Range 4 West, W.M., approximately 7 miles by road, southwest of Rochester, off the I-Line road system in Lewis County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from June 2, 2009. Comments must be submitted by June 16, 2009.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.